

# Farm Bill passed by House

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with "blended credit" export programs. The bill also broadens the purposes for which an existing intermediate (three-to-10-year) export credit program can be used and directs the Secretary to make direct and guaranteed intermediate loans of at least \$500 million a year, 25 percent of which would be direct loans. A previously-authorized export credit revolving fund is reauthorized under the bill with new provisions under which the fund would be financed by allowing it to collect repayments from direct export credit loans made by the USDA in earlier years. Also, the Agriculture Department would be directed to operate a one-year pilot test of barter programs.

To expand overseas food aid and trade promotion programs, the legislation extends the Food for Peace program and provides a \$200 million annual increase in the authorization for commodity shipments under the donation phase of that program. Further, the bill expands aid operations under a related program which provides surplus commodities for needy people abroad. A brief section on cargo preference regulations states that nothing in the farm bill shall be construed to grant cargo preference exemptions to USDA export programs which had not been exempted prior to Sept. 13, 1985 by the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978. Trade-related studies required by the bill include one to determine the impact on U.S. agriculture of imports of Brazilian ethanol, and another on specific unfair trade practices by other countries which affect American exports.

## CONSERVATION

The conservation section includes new programs to protect fragile soils and wetlands for future generations and move a substantial amount of erodible land into less intensive use.

For highly erodible land which has not been cultivated since 1980, the bill provides a "sodbuster" program to discourage plowing up fragile soils. If a farmer planted a crop on fragile land in violation of the terms of the bill, he would lose price supports and other farm benefits for all of his crops. Highly erodible land which was used for crops between 1981 and 1985 would be exempt from the sodbuster penalties, but this "grandfather clause" exemption would disappear for any affected producer who fails to begin applying a conservation plan by 1990 or two years after completion of a soil survey of

his land, whichever is later. Producers would have until 1995 to complete application of the conservation plan. A companion "swampbuster" provision would deny farm benefits to producers who convert wetlands to crop use in the future.

For highly erodible soils which are already in crop use, the bill provides a long-term Conservation Reserve program under which farmers would contract to return up to 25 million of such acres to less-intensive uses such as grass or trees. The Secretary of Agriculture would be required to offer farmers a chance to sign contracts under which up to 20 million acres would be shifted to less-intensive uses for periods of not less than 10 years, and contracts for up to five million acres would be offered for periods of up to 10 years. In return for compliance with the contracts, growers would get cash or "in kind" land rental payments (established on a bid basis) plus payments covering a part of the cost of needed land treatment measures. No more than 25 percent of the land in any county could be enrolled in the Reserve. There would be a \$50,000 limit on annual payments to farmers under Reserve contracts.

Also, the bill includes an extension of the Resources Conservation Act, requiring the Agriculture Department to produce assessments of soil and water resources in 1995 and again in 2005 to help policymakers develop long-term plans for protecting those vital national resources. A further section permits governors of states which have state laws to protect farmland from urban development to file suits in cases where the federal government has not followed procedures of a federal farmland protection law. (The federal law requires, among other points, that government agencies must consider alternatives before taking actions which result in shifting farmland to nonfarm use.)

## CREDIT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The bill reauthorizes and in some cases revises federal farm credit and rural development programs and also includes discretionary authority for a program of planting-season advance commodity loans to farmers beginning in 1986. Authorization ceilings include annual caps for the 1986 through 1988 fiscal years of \$3.15 billion for Farmers Home Administration

farm operating loans including \$2.5 billion in insured direct loans and the remainder in guaranteed loans. For farm ownership loans, the bill authorizes \$700 million annually including \$650 million in direct insured loans in fiscal 1986 with all loans in the next two years to be made through federal guarantees for private lenders. For emergency disaster loans there would be ceilings of \$1.3 billion in fiscal 1986, \$700 million in 1987 and \$600 million in 1988. For rural development programs, the bill authorizes \$340 million annually for three years in insured water and waste disposal loans and \$250 million annually in guaranteed industrial development loans plus \$115 million in insured community facility loans. The bill also provides a new method of determining eligibility for water and sewer loans and grants based on community income and health and sanitary needs. The legislation also includes a provision designed to give buyers of farm products "clear title" to their purchases while still allowing lenders to

protect their liens on farm products.

Also the Agriculture Department would be ordered to observe a number of new restrictions on the way it handles farmland acquired by the government in future foreclosures of FmHA loans. Among other provisions, USDA would be forbidden to sell such land if the sales would depress local farmland values, and any sales made would have to be as far as practicable—in family-size units. Where the Secretary leases or operates foreclosed land, he would have to make leases on a competitive bid basis, giving priority in leases to former owners of the land, family farmers and beginning farmers. A further provision authorizes the Secretary to accept easements on marginal land from financially-distressed

FmHA borrowers and to devote the land to public recreational use. Similar use could be made of land which FmHA acquires in loan foreclosures. The bill requires a study of procedures used by FmHA for farmer appeals when loan applications are rejected, and a further provision creates a new, speedier appeals system using informal meetings. Other amendments require FmHA to process loan applications within 45 days, to provide funds on approved loans within five days, and to continue the agency's small farmer training and technical assistance program. The bill also requires the President to submit recommendations to Congress by November 1, 1985, for the continued sound operation of the Farm Credit System.



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